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GENERAL ELIAS WESSIN Y WESSIN
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MARCOS DIAZ LANZ

ReButels 9/12/65 and 9/13/65 and Miami tel 9/15/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above. An extra copy is designated for the Bureau for transmittal to Legat; Santo Domingo.

A copy of this letterhead memorandum has been designated locally to INS in view of General WESSIN's alien status.

Information copies are being sent to San Juan, New York, and Washington Field Offices in view of their continuing interest in the Dominican situation.

MM T-1 is Legat, Santo Domingo.

MM T-2 is MM 492-S

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MM T-3 is MM 635-S.

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General WESSIN's letter to HECTOR GARCIA GODOY was translated by Miami translator SOPHIE SALIBA.

General WESSIN was interviewed on 9/15/65 and 9/17/65 by SAs EDWARD J. DAHL and EUGENE L. PAYNE in the Spanish language inasmuch as WESSIN claims to speak no English.

WESSIN expressed admiration for the Bureau as the only serious agency in Florida. He stated he would be available for future interviews by Bureau representatives.

WESSIN appears tired and remote. He is undoubtedly bitter, as expressed in several press releases, toward U. S. authorities since he believes the U. S. betrayed his efforts in the Dominican Republic.

As noted in the enclosed letterhead memorandum, WESSIN on 9/15/65 was encountered at the residence of ANTONIO LLANO MONTES, in company with Cuban exile MARCOS DIAZ LANZ, Bufile 105-80115. On 9/17/65, MARCOS DIAZ LANZ and FRANK FIORINI, Bufile 2-1499, were observed in contact with General WESSIN. On 9/17/65, LLANO MONTES advised that individuals, mostly Cuban exiles whom he has not been in contact with for more than three years, have continually appeared at his residence or telephonically contacted him in an effort to gain access to General WESSIN. WESSIN has been thus occupied during most of his waking hours with these contacts, as well as with widespread representatives of local and national press, radio and television. This situation will more than likely continue for some time. Because of the situation regarding DIAZ LANZ and FRANK FIORINI, as described in the enclosed letterhead memorandum, it is possible that WESSIN's attitudes will undergo a change if and when he perceives their intention to exploit WESSIN's own anti-communist ambitions.

MM 134-1191

As explained in referenced Miami teletype, Miami will endeavor to cover the activities of General WESSIN through contacts with established sources who are among those Cuban exiles who are in contact with him. In addition, WESSIN will be contacted at such times as deemed appropriate for the purpose of enlarging our channel of communication with him and looking toward the possibility of exploiting his admiration and confidence in the Bureau.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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134-1191

Miami, Florida
September 17, 1965

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ON 11-1-94 (JFK)

RE: GENERAL ELIAS WESSIN Y WESSIN
INTERNAL SECURITY - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

On September 12, 1965, MM T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised as follows:

General ELIAS WESSIN Y WESSIN, commanding officer of the Central de Enseñanza de las Fuerzas Armadas (CEFA) (Armed Forces Training Center), was retired, appointed Dominican Consul General in Miami, and sent out of the Dominican Republic (DR) to Panama on the night of September 9, 1965. Indications were that WESSIN was to travel from Panama to Miami and it was expected that he would be joined by his family in Miami by September 12, 1965. According to MM T-1, WESSIN has stated that had not United States troops landed in the DR in April, 1965, the country would have been lost to communism. According to information available to MM T-1 on September 9, 1965, WESSIN was visited by Brazilian General HUGO ALVIN, Commanding General of the Inter-American Peace Force, and General BRUCE PALMER, Commanding General of U. S. Forces, DR. This visit was made at the express instructions of American Ambassador ELLSWORTH BUNKER, American Representative to the OAS Committee in the DR. It appears that ALVIN and PALMER directed an ultimatum to WESSIN to depart the DR.

The September 15, 1965 edition of the "Miami News," a local daily newspaper, carried an article entitled, "Bayonet Forced Me - Wessin." This article attributes WESSIN with alleging that an American lieutenant put a bayonet in his back and forced him out of his country and carried WESSIN's rejection of a consulate post in Miami. The article quoted WESSIN as saying, "The American official who ordered my expulsion in such a humiliating way has given the coup de grace to the fight for democracy in Latin America." This article further contained excerpts from a letter purportedly written by WESSIN to the Dominican Provisional President, HECTOR GARCIA GODOY.

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Reference Memorandum dated and captioned
as above at Miami, Florida

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